



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## **disciple:**

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

- 01** Print the PDF.  
-or-
- 02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.  
-or-
- 03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

### **5 Marks of a Disciple**

- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally
- Know Jesus Intimately



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Week of Feb 20th // Conversation: Feb 26th // **Luke 4:14-30**  
“Ministering At Home”

## pray.

Today, we're going to take a look at the beginning of Jesus's ministry. He started in Nazareth, his hometown. When He began, Jesus said some very powerful and important things about Himself by quoting the book of Isaiah. Let's look at those statements and see how He was received.

## observe.

Scripture has been printed below for you. Using different colors, mark the following keywords in the text. This will draw your attention to the main points of each section of the Bible. Read the verses and only mark 1 word at a time - this will help you focus.

- 01** Put a cross over any mention of Jesus including pronouns like me and I.
- 02** Draw a squiggly line under everything the Messiah was going to do in verses Luke 4:18-19.
- 03** Underline the peoples' reactions to Jesus' words.

*In Luke 4:18, the word for “anointed” in Hebrew is “masah” from which we get the word “Messiah”, or “The Anointed One”.*

**LUKE 4:16-21 (ESV)**

16 And he [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Jesus was quoting Isaiah 61 and he stopped in the middle of a verse, not finishing the rest. Let’s see what came next.

### **ISAIAH 61:2 (ESV)**

2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

After the people heard the words of Jesus, they knew He was implying that He was the Messiah who had come to preach the Gospel (Good News). They began to ask Him for signs and miracles to prove He really was the Messiah because they only knew Him as the son of Joseph. They didn't believe Him. Jesus then gave 2 examples of prophets who ministered miraculous acts to Gentiles because Israel did not believe. Here's how the crowds reacted to hearing that God's blessing went to the Gentiles instead of the Jews:

### **LUKE 4:28-30 (ESV)**

28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

In the book of Matthew, there is more information in the account of Jesus being rejected at Nazareth:

**MATTHEW 13:57 (NLT)**

57 And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.”

**JOHN 1:10-13 (ESV)**

10 He [Jesus] was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



# interpret.

- 01** What was Jesus proclaiming by quoting Isaiah 61 to the people in the synagogue?
- 02** Why do you think He stopped mid-verse and didn't talk about the day of vengeance? (Think about the squiggly lines you drew under the reasons why He came.)
- 03** How did the people react to Jesus' words?



# apply.

- 01** Have you ever experienced rejection from family or friends when you've talked about spiritual things? How did it make you feel?
- 02** How does it encourage you to know that Jesus experienced the same thing?
- 03** If we are rejected by those close to us when we share the Gospel, does it mean we should stop ministering to them altogether?



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## **bring it together.**

Jesus was indeed the Messiah – The Anointed One. He had come to preach the Good News to the people in His hometown, but they rejected Him. After all, wasn't he just Joseph's son? Despite the fact that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 61 in their hearing, and He was the Messiah it spoke of, the people still did not believe. Jesus's experience paralleled that of the 2 prophets He spoke of – God's miraculous blessing went to the Gentiles because the Jews would not believe.

Jesus was rejected by the very people he grew up with. They couldn't see past His identity as "Joseph's son". Have you experienced the same thing? People who have known you all your life don't believe the Good News when you share it. They can't see past the years they've spent with you to hear your words.

It should comfort us to know that Jesus has experienced this kind of rejection too. He understands what it's like not to be heard by those closest to you. But He still shared the Good News anyway. He didn't let their rejection stop Him from completing His ministry, and we shouldn't be deterred either. If anything, we can be encouraged that our Lord and Savior has experienced the very same thing.

## **connect.**

We are available to answer any questions you might have.



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